

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Last week we received another of the zillions of jokes and/or "good stories" that flood the internet these days. This one deals with cell phones, their use and misuse. It listed ten coming improvements to look for in these take everywhere contraptions. The one that hit home with us the most was not anything about drivers having wrecks or anything, but it predicted a system that would zap a couple seconds of electrical shock to people who use the cell phone (usually loudly) in restaurants and/or movie theatres. More and more there are complaints about eldritch interruptions interrupting meetings, meals, movies, etc. with not only the ringing phone in their pocket, but with the ensuing very vocal conversations which follow. A number of experts indicate these folks think it makes them seem important, when in most cases, they are just classified by those around them as . . . a clod. Hopefully the two seconds of electrical shock will become more than just a joke and will cut down on some of these rude abusers of the electronic age.

The deadline for qualifying in the municipal elections passed at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and interest perked up a bit in Elba in the last few days. A total of 19 candidates qualified across the board, giving each and every office from two to four candidates to ensure competition for all.

All our life we here that keeping the mouth shut and eyes and ears open will put a person in the position of learning something new. Well, a couple of months ago we were doing just that in church when . . . a message for and to the children taught the old man something new! What would be described as a science lab experiment was used as a visible comparison to make a religious point. Mixing one very common dark colored chemical with a dark colored one, made the mixture clear as a bell! That simple experiment was something we had missed completely in our world travels and was interesting! It does pay to look and listen, even in children's church time!

Oh, how true it is that the more things change, the more they remain the same. As a teenage boy, my theory was that fat folks were the happiest folks. Well for the past 30 or 40 years all the experts have touted the benefits of being thin . . . they have said it enough that most of us believe them. Now, this week a number of publications are printing an AP story quoting some expert who is now back to the theory that fat folks are the happiest. Now this guy may be the only expert in the world who believes that, but he puts up a good argument. He says that back in our hunter-gather days, the thin man (or woman) was hungry, thus was hunting and unhappy. The person with plenty of food was fat and contented, thus he was the happy person. Let that soak in until tomorrow and someone else will issue a fire and brimstone denial of the theory and we will all be back where we started . . . confused.

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Political candidates in municipal races wishing to make their news announcement in The Elba Clipper should do so on or before NOON on TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, The Clipper reserves the right to editor lengthy announcements

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 10, 2000 through July 16, 2000. They were: Ida Mauldin, Travis Price, Terry Griggs, Mary Ware, Mable Lawrence, Onnie Jacobs, Winnie James, Gregory Wright, Brenda Moore, Annie Mae Johnson, Tierney Foushee, Nell Clemmons and Earnest Ellison.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Frances Bryan, Renee Parrish, Anna Daniels, Elizabeth Ware, Elizabeth Williams, Onnie Jacobs, James Smith, Greg Wright, Mable Lawrence, Terry Griggs, Winnie James, Ida Mauldin, Tierney Foushee, Rayford Hodge, Travis Price, Winnie James and Brenda Moore.

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Marriage, Taxes and the American Family
by U. S. Representative Bob Rife, 3rd District - Alabama

In parts of Alabama, nearly 70 percent of all babies are born to unwed mothers. In 1998, the most recent year numbers are available from the state Health Department, about 21,000 children were born out-of-wedlock. Nearly 25,000 marriages ended in divorce that same

year, leaving even more children without married parents. How can Alabama succeed with those numbers? Families shattered; sons and daughters growing up in homes without both parents. It's absolutely exhausting to think about the up-hill battle we must

fight to bring those numbers down to a point when every child has loving parents living under the same roof. But reading statistics like that can do one of two things: they can provide a mountain of discouragement or a fountain of motivation. I choose the latter. I choose to fight, every step of the way, until we reclaim the American family for our children and grandchildren.

There are many problems facing families today, and therefore many solutions must be sought and implemented. The American family has for decades been besieged by a poor educational system, a lack of respect for family values and parental responsibility, and an apparent disregard of the sacred bond of holy matrimony. It's even gone so far that the federal government penalizes married couples by making them pay higher taxes than if they were just single and living together. For example, if two single people make \$30,000 per year apiece, then they each pay about \$3,000 in federal taxes for an combined burden of \$6,000. However, if they get married, they pay a combined tax of \$8,400 — a \$2,400 yearly penalty for doing the right thing.

How can we as a nation begin to seriously encourage marriage when

our own government discourages it through an economic penalty? Ending that absurd tax was one of the reasons I ran for Congress, and I'm proud to report that the House voted overwhelmingly last week to repeal the marriage penalty tax. The Senate did the same, but President Clinton promises to veto the bill. Why?

It is evident that it's going to take a new, conservative president to make things fairer for married couples. But this is just one swing down a long row to hoe if we're going to bring those awful numbers down and get back on track. Once we end the marriage penalty and adopt a better domestic policy, we must look to our communities, our own families and more importantly, to ourselves for the answers needed to bring the American family back to America. All of us — government, faith-based organizations and citizens — must commit ourselves to strengthen, protect and enhance the family unit. The building block of American success has to stand on a foundation of family values.

(U.S. Rep. Bob Rife, a Republican from Ashland, represents Alabama's 3rd Congressional District. Readers can reach him at 322 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.)

Elba Police Report

FRIDAY, JULY 14 - River stage - 1.95 feet (6:40 a.m.); Disturbance reported on AL Hwy. 125N (11:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Elba City Pool (3:18 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JULY 15 - River stage - 1.92 feet (6:34 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire at the airport (12:26 p.m.); Proxer reported on Deal Street (10:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JULY 16 - River stage - 1.92 feet (6:34 a.m.); Fire reported at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Drive (10:49 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a woods fire in Morrow Village (3:43 p.m.).

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of a controlled substance, three thefts of property, two for menacing, two for disorderly conduct, two for public intoxication, two for resisting arrest, and one for criminal mischief.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for violation of the set belt law, fifteen for speeding, one for driver's license, two for no insurance, four for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for driving while driver's license are revoked, three for violation of the child restraint law, four for an expired tag, four for driver's license not in possession, two for reckless driving, two for DUI, one for improper passing, one for no tag displayed, and one for no tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, JULY 10 - Disturbance at 1.93 (6:12 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Martin Luther King Drive (8:24 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 - River stage - 1.93 feet (6:26 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 125N (11:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Edgewood Drive (6:10 p.m.); Alarm at Kelly's Barbecue (10:27 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JULY 13 - River stage - 1.93 feet (6:59 a.m.); Alarm at Fred's (8:15 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (9:12 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE.
• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon. First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall.
• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - City Hall.
• **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church center on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brickton.
• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.
• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.
• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE** - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30. New Brickton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.
• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House.
• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon-Colum. Inn, Enterprise.
• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tues. day at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport, Decollinger.
• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays, 6:00 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.
• **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** is held Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department.
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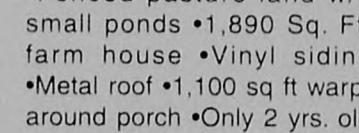
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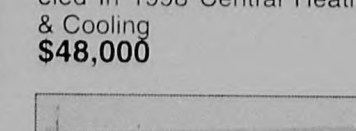
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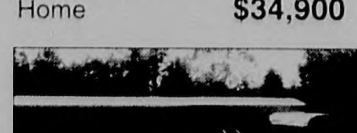
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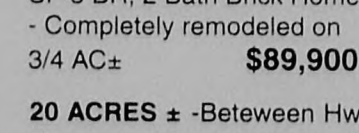
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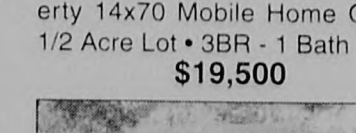
County Road 349 • 1991 Liberty 14X70 Mobile Home on 1/2 Acre Lot • 3BR - 1 Bath
\$19,500



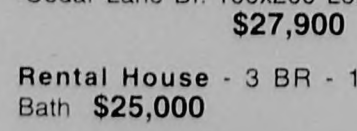
In Town • 1989 3BR - 2 Bath Mobile Home 20x40 Shop • Cedar Lane Dr. 100x200 Lot
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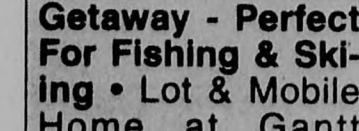
20 ACRES ± - Between Hwy 87 and 189 - Frontage on both highways - \$2,000 per acre.



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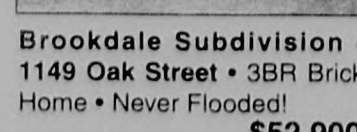
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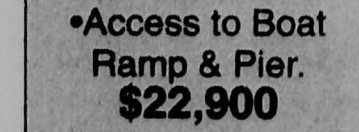
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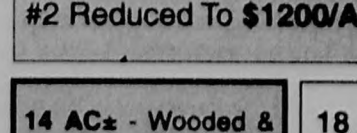
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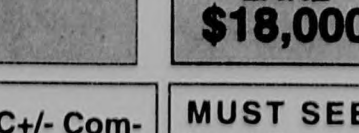
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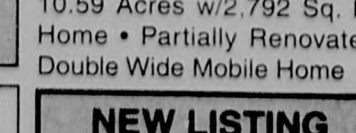
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To my friends and patients, As of Tuesday, August 15, 2000, I will be closing my family practice in Elba. I will be relocating to Virginia.

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and this community. I would like especially to thank Mrs. Ellen Briley and the Elba Hospital Authority, my office staff, Mrs. Patty Calhoun and Mrs. Kathy Spicer, and the physicians and staff of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. I will miss you all.

For information about your records and transfer of care, please call Mrs. Spicer at my office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Andrew R. Dow, M.D.

Dear Mr. Cox,

I have been selected to be commander of the American Legion Post 42. I commend J.D. Parrish for the job he did on the post. There has been lots of problems for him to endure.

May I clear up some things that have happened? Mayor Grimes stated that someone contacted him in regards to the city being interested in the building. I contacted the state department about his statement. They knew nothing about their office knowing anything of the such. I contacted him and he said someone local contacted him. I haven't found anyone that knew of such contact. He didn't give any name. There has been some conflict about the rec. center putting up post and rope on the American Legion property so that blocks us from going around our building. J.D. Parrish contacted Ricky and also city clerk Morrow on this matter. I understand clerk Morrow said the city wanted the building if donated. I would be happy to ask all Legion members about selling the building if the city has \$450,000 to pay for it. J.D. Parrish stated that he had invited Mayor Grimes to attend a meeting. This was Mayor Grimes reply, "It wasn't his cup of tea," quoted to me by J.D. Parrish.

It is not known at this time if these remarks has anything to do with the post and rope being put up on the American Legion Culver Post 42 property. If so, why? The property belongs to the members, and each one is very important to the Legion. One member said if they didn't move them he had a truck with a blade on front and he could move them.

My concern is to have good fellowship with the city rec. dept. and move on to a great American Legion Post that every citizen in town will be proud of. To all members of Culver Post 42, please join with us Tuesday night, July 25, at 7 o'clock. Plans are for reorganizing and moving on as we should. To all members, please attend. Cards are in for the new year's membership. Sincerely,
J.L. Edgar
Commander Post 42
Elba, Ala.

Dear Editor,

My name is Kathy Fulford. The following is a testimony that I feel God has put on my heart to share with everyone. It's hard to express in words what my life has been like for the last three years. But, if I can help one person save their life by telling my story, it will be worth the effort.

It is because a dear friend loved me enough and was afraid I might not live to see Christmas. Through her efforts, she found the reason I was slowly dying. She entered my symptoms on the internet and surprisingly came up with aspartame poisoning.

Aspartame is found in artificial sweeteners, diet soda, yogurt and over the counter medicines to name a few.

I started using an artificial sweet-

ener three years ago as a sugar substitute to lose ten pounds and was consuming it daily.

The first sign of problems started with my teeth. I lost several and I had several root canals and crowns. I spent several thousand dollars on them.

The next problem began with my stomach. I have been to many doctors who ran every test possible and never found the source of my problems. Finally on March 20, 1998, I had my gall bladder removed, thinking this was the answer to everything. It was only a short time before I realized it wasn't. I continued to have all the same symptoms.

I continued slowly to get worse. Now I was having bad headaches, nausea, insomnia, itching, blurred vision, mental confusion, memory loss, extreme chronic fatigue, nervousness, anxiety attacks, blackout spells, mood swings, depression, muscle cramping, numb-tingling in my hands and wrist, side pains, sharp pains between my shoulders, cramps, ringing, weight gain, trouble walking any distance, shortness of breath, and anorexia-like conditions.

My hair and finger nails never grew. I was slowly falling apart.

I was told by doctors that I was over forty now and things like this occur. My gynecologist told me I was going through menopause. What was so sad was that I knew in my heart that something was terribly wrong with me, but no clue to what it was. In my heart, I had given up hope of ever feeling good again.

My doctors had me on so many medications. I was taking two anti-depressants and several medicines for my stomach. My medicine bill averaged around \$200.00 a month. Every night I took something to help me sleep. Every day was a struggle to get through. I had slowly lost my will to live.

But by God's grace and the love of friends, I have my life back. As of May 17, 2000, I stopped all use of artificial sweeteners. I have not taken one single pill since. I feel like a new person. I was so hard to believe that just one little thing could cause so much damage to your body.

I want the whole world to know about my experience. I had never heard of aspartame and I can't believe there are so many people that are unaware of its side effects. There are so many people who are suffering the same way I was. So many have even died.

The only way to detect this substance in your body is through autopsy after death. So if anyone has these symptoms, please discontinue use of artificial sweeteners. If you need any information, you can get it off the internet at the following address: <http://www.dorway.com/donknoh.htm>

May God bless each of you that have read my testimony and I pray that you will share it with a friend. Sincerely,
Kathy Boutwell Fulford
7-20-2p

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AREA DEATHS

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Survivors include six sons: Oliver Jr. (Chiquita), Rochester, N.Y.; Charles Terry, Charlotte, N.C.; Charles Edward, Gretna, Fla.; James Sterling (Tawanna), Houston, Texas; Dawayne, Calif.; Michael, Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters: Sarah L. Howard, Orlando, Fla.; Linda Howard-Tillis, Charlotte, Elba, Ala.; three stepdaughters: Doris Wright, Miami, Fla.; Sarah Reese (Charles), Gretna, Fla.; Doretha White, Tallahassee, Fla.; two stepsons: Boston Smith Jr. (Florihah), Hartford, Conn.; Harold Smith (Yvonne), Miami, Fla.; one brother: Johnny Simmons, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; two sisters-in-law: Cleora Gibert (James), Antioch, Tenn.; Ermine W. Ruff, Escondido, Ill.; three brothers-in-law: Elder John Wright (Annie), Onney, Fla.; Dea. Clarence Wright (Ruth), Gretna, Fla.; George Wright, Philadelphia, Pa.; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

ANNIE CAROLYN CADE RUTTEN
Ms. Annie Carolyn Cade Rutten, born Dec. 23, 1949, of Samson, Ala., died July 9, 2000.

Funeral services were held July 15, 2000 at Greater Springfield Baptist Church in Samson. Burial followed in the Samson City Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her mother: Lucille Caster Cade Nelson, Samson, her companion: Larry Richardson, Sarasota, Fla.; seven brothers and sisters: Ike Charles (Sara) Cade, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Charles (Agnes) Cade, Samson, William C. Cade, Sarasota, Fla.; Carrie Ann (Eddie) Morris, Seale, Ala.; Lillie Ann (Johnny) Hornsby, Jonathan Cade and Barbara Jean Cade, Samson; sisters-in-law: Elizabeth A. (Humphrey) Diamond, Los Angeles, Calif.; Marva C. (Millard) Campbell, Palm Bay, Fla.; brothers-in-law: Elder James A. (Lynn) Rutten and Roy E. (Alfreda) Rutten, Los Angeles, Calif.; and several other relatives.

DR. BILLY L. VAUGHAN
Dr. Billy L. Vaughan, age 68, of Twin Pines Drive, Thomson, Ga., died July 12, 2000 at McDuffie Regional Medical Center in Thomson.

A memorial service was held July 14, 2000 at the First Methodist Church of Thomson, Ga.
Dr. Vaughan was born in Jackson County, Fla. His family moved to Elba when he was 2-years-old. He

Survivors include a brother: Sam Spurlin, three daughters: Unay Mison, Elkhart, Nette R. Pittman, Tyler and Sarah Frances Spurlin, Tyler.

TIMOTHY LAMAR THIGPEN
Mr. Timothy Lamar Thigpen, born July 30, 1937, of Elba, Ala., died July 11, 2000.

Funeral services were held July 15, 2000 at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Lovell Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Helen Thigpen, five daughters: Susan Dawson, Brantley, Brenda Tolbert, Lithonia, Ga.; Joyce (Randy) Fleming, Wetumpka, Valentina (Ronald) Hill and Allison Gavin, Elba; one son: Freddie Lumar (Patricia)

Gavin, Jonesboro, Ga.; sisters and brothers-in-law: Jean (William) Simmons, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Clinton (Fannie Mae) Gavin, Alice Wade, Opp; Neha Gavin, Enterprise; sister: Mary Edith (Dewight) Riley, Daleville; and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

After finishing high school in Elba, Dr. Vaughan went to Ashbury College in Wilmore, Ky. for one year before entering the University of Alabama Medical School. After graduating, he did his residency in Rochester, Minn. After finishing his residency, he enlisted in the Navy where he spent two years. Then, he practiced at the Wise County Hospital in Virginia for a year.

Having a great desire to be a surgeon, but not knowing if he could become one because he was left handed, he then entered the Medical College of Georgia for his surgery residency which was for six years. He became a chief resident and a professor of surgery at the Medical College of Georgia. He was also a resident doctor at the V.A. Hospital in Augusta, Ga.

Dr. Vaughan was a Board Certified Surgeon and a diplomat with the American College of Surgery. He was also regarded as an excellent diagnostic doctor. He retired after 25 years in private practice.

Survivors include his wife: Gay Knox Vaughan; two daughters and a son-in-law: Gabriella Vaughan Pittman and Frank Pittman Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Laura Elizabeth Vaughan, New York; two brothers: Oscar Vaughan Jr., Elba, Glen Vaughan, Panama City, Fla.; a sister: Miriam Vaughan Kennedy, Elba; and two grandsons.

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Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16

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***Installation Celebration for Pastor Elect Rev. Lovell Martin at Elba Zion Baptist Church will be Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m. Installation sermon delivered by Rev. George Gilchrist, pastor of First Baptist Church, Troy.

***The Mulberry Missionary District Ministers, Deacons and

Layman Union will convene at the New Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Troy, at 9:45 a.m. on July 30.

***Birthday Party for Evelyn B. Manning

A surprise birthday party was given for Evelyn B. Manning of Elba hosted by her sisters and nieces on July 4 on the lawn of Ernestine Kelley's home. Her birthday cake was presented to her by Minister Robert Edwards (Prayer Warrior) with her portrait on top with her husband and children.

Evelyn received many beautiful and useful gifts. Those attending and celebrating with her were: Tammy Tillis and Annie, Melissa Kelley, Tonya Smith, Ernestine Kelley, Minister Robert Edwards, Kim

Kelley, Myron Duncan, Maria, Tiffany, Lydia, Brandon and Brandy, Sharon Wright, Tina and Malik, Jana Kelley, Jason Gully, Wesley Kelley, Curtis Kelley, Connie Moody, Michael Manning, Roderick Rideaux and Lavon, Derrick Brooks, Marcus Kelley, Mason Gully, Warren Belcher, Ella M. Brooks, Suzette Hatten, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Ree'Nita and Dee'Nard, Lenore Jack, Melissa Chatmon, Teresa Jack, Jackie Goosby and Eria Lindsey Belcher. Happy Birthday, "Flipper!"

***Youth Should Know: African American History

Monthly Motivation: If you think poor, you are poor.

Today is a good day, be grateful! Eria



ELMC CAN-DO CLUB. The Can-Do Kids at Elba United Methodist Church had a grand time at Vacation Bible School last week. During the week, a group of over 50 kids collected school supplies as their mission project for our local school. Mickey McCollough, principal at Elba Elementary School, graciously accepted the supplies from Lynda Biddle, missions Coordinator, during an assembly Friday morning.



Damascus Baptist Church to observe Homecoming

Damascus Baptist Church, located on County Rd. 547 between New Brockton and Elba, will be celebrating its annual Homecoming this year. The featured speaker will be Rev. Bobby Driver, and the theme will be led by Mrs. Betty Shepard. Following the morning worship, there will be a covered dish fellowship. Immediately after the fellowship, there will be a song service in the sanctuary featuring, "Crossroads."

Everyone is invited to come. For directions and information, call the church at 894-6382.

Zoar Cemetery Annual Meeting Planned

The annual business meeting for the Zoar Cemetery will be held on July 22 at 10 a.m. in the Zoar Holiness Church. A finance report will be given and project work for the past year. Everyone interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Dr. Tony L. Dye
Westside Baptist Church

There When You Need It

Years ago, when I donated blood for the first time, a nurse gave me a card to read while a pint of vital red fluid was flowing from my vein. The card showed the percentages of people who have the different blood types. Here are some of them:

- O Positive.....37.4%
- A Positive.....35.7%
- A Negative.....6.3%
- B Negative.....1.5%

The rarest, AB Negative, is found in only 1 in 167 people, or 0.06% of the population. Then the card made this eye-catching statement: "The rarest blood type is the one that's not there when you need it."

That reminded me of a supply of blood that is one of a-kind and is always available to those who ask for it. First John 1:7 states, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."

It was the death of Christ, the shedding of His blood, that satisfies the demands of a Holy God as payment for our sins (Hebrews 9:12, 22). So now, whenever a person cries out in faith to God, repenting of his sin and pleading for forgiveness, his prayer for salvation is answered.

I am deeply grateful that Jesus was willing to die on the cross, giving His blood for me, so that forgiveness was available when I needed it. Aren't you?

Remember: Jesus' blood is the cure for what ails your soul!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification hosted by Douglas MacArthur State Technical College. Douglas MacArthur State Technical College in Opp and the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa recently formed a partnership to offer a Public Safety Telecommunicator certification course. The training was coordinated by the Workforce Development and Continuing Education program at MacArthur. The five-day training sessions were held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the week of May 22-26. A total of 20 professionals from all areas of the state participated in the course. Local participants included from left to right: Joyce Skinner, Mozelle Parker, Janna Morrow, Falisha Bilal, all of Elba; Eleanor Harrison, Enterprise; and Pete Zekoff, Instructor - Pelham.

USDA housing loans require little to no down payment

Families and individuals in Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties have the opportunity to become homeowners through USDA Rural Development. USDA Rural Development's Guaranteed Housing Loan Program is available to help moderate-income people secure a home mortgage. USDA's guaranteed housing loans are originated and processed by approved lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. Typically, no down payment is required and the applicant can borrow up to 100% of the appraised value of the property.

To be eligible for a guaranteed loan, the income for a 4-person household located in Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties cannot exceed \$46,850; said Jimmy Fenn, Community Development Manager in Ozark.

Income limits vary from county to county and are based on the number of people in the household and the median income for the county. Additional eligibility requirements include having an acceptable credit record and adequate income to repay the housing loan plus other living expenses. The property to be purchased must be located in a rural area, which includes all of Coffee, Geneva and Pike counties and all of Dale County except for areas in and around Napier Field and Grimes. The interest rate is negotiated between the lender and the applicant; however, it cannot exceed the current Fannie Mae interest rate, plus 6/10 of 1 percent.

"USDA Rural Development homeownership programs not only assist homeowners, but also contribute to economic growth in rural areas through businesses in the home building industry, such as mortgage companies, Realtors, homebuilders and many others," said Anne Payne, State Director of USDA Rural Development in Alabama. "These programs will help put the dream of home ownership within reach of many more rural residents."

The USDA Rural Development office serving Coffee, Dale, Geneva and Pike counties is located in Ozark. For more information on USDA's guaranteed housing loan program and to obtain a list of approved lenders, please call the Ozark office at 334-774-4926.

Seminary opens at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

The St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, 121 South Carroll Street, Enterprise, opens its doors for Seminary Registration. Registration will begin immediately at the office of St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church. The application must be submitted by the 10th day of August with a ten (\$10) dollar registration fee. The Pastor, Dr. V.J. Coleman state that he is very happy to bring this service to the community. The two courses that are scheduled to be offered are 101 Introduction to Biblical Studies on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and 151 Christian Doctrine Course I on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Instructor will be Dr. Tullis. For further information, call 347-7743 from 8 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Electric Cities of Alabama honors Sen. Holley and Rep. Spicer

The Electric Cities of Alabama presented Senator Jimmy W. Holley and Representative Terry Spicer awards of honor in recognition of outstanding legislative contributions on behalf of Alabama's Electric Cities and the over one million citizens they serve. The presentation occurred at a reception honoring Senator Holley and Representative Spicer that was held on July 17 during the Electric Cities' 2000 Annual Meeting.

"Senator Holley and Representative Spicer have proven to be statewide leaders and have positively impacted the quality of life for all Alabama citizens," said Electric Cities' Executive Director, Fred Clark.

Holley and Spicer were two of four state legislators to receive this honor.

The Electric Cities of Alabama is a coalition of the state's municipally owned and operated electric systems. Alabama's Electric Cities serve approximately one million consumers in 36 cities throughout Alabama. Electric Cities counts Elba among its member cities.



Jimmy Holley



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SEARP&DC receives \$500,000 USDA loan

Anne Payne, state director of USDA Rural Development in Alabama presented a check for \$500,000 to the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (SEARP&DC) during a loan administration board meeting at the Rawls Hotel recently in Enterprise.

"Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission will use these funds to assist small business development," Payne said. "I am glad that USDA Rural Development was able to provide these funds to promote economic development in southeast Alabama."

USDA's Intermediary Relending Program loans finance business facilities and community development projects in rural areas, including cities with a population of less than 25,000. USDA Rural Development lends these funds to intermediaries, which, in turn, provide loans to recipients who are developing business facilities or community development projects.

"With the extremely high number of jobs lost in rural areas of southeast Alabama primarily to textile mill closings, the additional Intermediary Relending Program funds provided by USDA Rural Development will allow us to assist regional



On hand for the check presentation ceremony were: (front-left to right) Greg White, SEARP&DC Chairman; Anne Payne, USDA Rural Development State Director; Ronald Wyatt, USDA Rural Development, Dothan; Joe Williams, Office of Congressman Terry Everett; (back-left to right) Bill Benton, SEARP&DC Loan Administration Board; Fred Dykes, SEARP&DC Executive Director; and Bill Parker, SEARP&DC Loan Administration Board.

Coffee County Veterans Affairs office to be closed July 25-28

The Coffee County Veterans Affairs office will be closed July 25 through July 28 for service officer to attend training in Indianapolis, In. For information on a VA claim, call the VA Regional office at 1-800-827-1000. In case of medical emergency, call 1-800-214-8387, this will connect you with either VAMC Montgomery or Tuskegee. Office will reopen at 8 a.m., Monday, July 31.

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Bennett Abbott, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....9:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays.....11:00 a.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. William Frank, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Randy Neal, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Homer F. Moore, Pastor Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH J. L. Grayer, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FATHI CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Denny Sherrer, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>KINSTON Denny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH John Freeman, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Ron & Mary Stinson, Pastors Saturday Service.....9:45 a.m. Sunday Service.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Seaves Sunday Morn. Service.....10:30 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....5:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loretta Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....11:30 a.m.</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet.....11:30 a.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Keith Price, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRADISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH Rev. E. L. Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Even.....7:30 p.m. Fri. Even.....7:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Wayne Webster Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVES WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays.....1:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Bobby Driver, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Hubert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION HOLINESS Jimmie Bryan, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Tues. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Ray Layton, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES

NEW ARRIVAL

REGAN AUSTIN DANNER



Regan Danner

Devon and Amy (Fuller) Danner of Elba announce the birth of their son, Regan Austin Danner, on May 27, 2000 at 6:43 a.m. at Medical Center Enterprise. He weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Regan's grandparents are Jenell Fuller of Elba and Franklin and Louise Danner of Brundidge. His great-grandparents are Edna Farris and the late Rudolph Farris of Elba, Ada Danner and the late James Danner of Brundidge and Octavia and Austin Ellis of Brundidge.

A night of music and comedy to be presented in the Enterprise City Park

Coffee County Arts Alliance, the City of Enterprise, Department of Leisure Services, and The Enterprise Ledger present "A Night Of Music and Comedy" that will be held Friday, July 22, at 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the Enterprise City Park, on Hwy. 167 North.

From 5:00 - 5:45 Cowpen Creek Band from Enterprise (Country Square Dance, Waltz, '50s Pop) 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. BRUCE BRANNEN, Montgomery, (Cowboy, Rock, Jazz & Funk) Roping, the Art of the Bull Whip!

7:00 - 7:45 & 8:00 - 8:45 THE RIVER RATS- Mountain View Arkansas (Rib splitting comedy and family style musical entertainment featuring grand old songs and tunes from 1800s to the 1950s, including western-swing blues, ragtime, ballads, and western songs made famous by the likes of Bob Willis and Hank Williams)

Admission will be \$5.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for Children Age 6-12 Age under 6 - Free. Proceeds to be used for park improvements.

There will be concessions for refreshments, bring a lawn chair or a blanket. For more information contact: Department of Leisure Services 347-1211 Ext. 300. If raining will be held at the Enterprise National Guard Armory (adjacent to and south of the park)

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Kirkland - Green wedding held Saturday, February 26

Christina Ann Green and Joel Wayne Kirkland were united in marriage Saturday, February 26, 2000, at two o'clock in the afternoon at Sorrell Chapel of Troy with the Rev. Robert Kirkland, father of the groom, officiating.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green of Wilkinston and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirkland of Chatham.

Mr. Jeremy Beck of New York provided a program of wedding music on piano. Vocal selections included "The Lord's Prayer" and "God Gave Me You."

White tulle bows lined the pathway leading to the entrance of the church. Wreaths of greenery, roses and tulle adorned the entrance doors. The registry table, draped in a white battenburg tablecloth held a single rose in a vase, plumed pen and the bride's book. Catina Boutwell of Elba, friend of the bride and groom, registered guests. A table was set up in the entrance room displaying childhood pictures of both the bride and groom. Lighted ficus trees accentuated the room.

Inside the church, an arched candelabrum, holding white burning tapers, was the focal point of the sanctuary. Elegant arrangements of white roses were placed on each side of the candelabrum. Each of the windows in the sanctuary held lighted hurricane globes on a bed of greenery. White tulle bows lined the outer edge of church pews. A single white candle was lit in memory of the bride's uncle, Stevie Allen, grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Essie Green, and groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sellers.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Donald Green. She wore a lovely satin organza gown encrusted with hand beaded design extending into the chapel train. Her short veil fell from a beaded headpiece. Her bouquet was composed of two dozen white roses bound by white ribbon.

Serving as maid of honor was Laura Brown, Troy, bride's best friend. Attendants were Kim Williams, Ozark; Emily Alford, Panama City, Fla.; Stephanie Nelson, Birmingham; and Stephanie Reeves, Enterprise, friends of the bride. They wore floor length black gowns with chiffon draping in back and each wore teardrop pearl earrings, a gift from the bride. Their bouquets were white roses bound with white ribbon. Madison Bedsole, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer. She wore a tea length white dress adorned with tiny rosebuds and embellished with baby white pearls. The couple now resides at their home in Jack.

Bird seed from beautiful white tapestry lined baskets made by Shannon Bedsole, cousin of the bride, and Judy Ward, aunt of the bride, were thrown at the couple by well-wishers before the two were driven away in a stretch white limousine to their honeymoon destination. Kendall Manor in Euftalia, The couple now resides at their home in Jack.

A recipe shower was held for the bride on January 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carroll in Jack. A "Honey-Do" Handyman cook-out was held at the lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rugg, Enterprise, friends of the bride. She wore a tea length white dress adorned with tiny rosebuds and embellished with baby white pearls. The couple now resides at their home in Jack.

A miscellaneous shower was held on January 16 at Jack Assembly of God Church in Jack. Hostesses were Mrs. Larry Ward, Mrs. Tracy Bedsole, Mrs. Eddie Prescott, Mrs. Hayes White, Mrs. Danny Turner, Mrs. Ronald Norton, Mrs. Kevin Peoples, Mrs. Everett Stealy, Mrs. Larry Eddins, Mrs. Lynn Edmondson, Mrs. Keith Graham and Mrs. Sheila Draughton.

A bridal tea was held for the couple at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Hinson on January 29.

A bridal shower was held for the bride at the home of Mrs. Peyton Givens on February 7. Other hostesses were Mrs. Kim Williams and Miss Paige Mobley.

A bridal brunch was held at Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast in Elba on February 25 and was given by the late Mrs. Tom Brown and Mrs. Russell Cash.



Mr. & Mrs. Joel Wayne Kirkland

non Bryan of Banks.

Reception

The reception was held at the

Arboretum on the campus of Troy

State University. Lighted ficus trees

and a portrait of the bride placed

upon an easel decorated the entry-

way. A large arrangement atop a

white column served as the center-

piece for the buffet table. Iced gulf

shrimp, smoke sausages, spinach

dip, fruit and vegetable trays and

tortilla pinwheels were served

among other appetizers.

The bride's table held a three

teared wedding cake embellished

with white icing, pearls and white

roses. The groom's table held a two

teared chocolate cake with basket

weave ring topped with fresh

grapes and other fruits. The flowing

silver fountain allowed guests to

serve themselves to punch.

Reception servers were Shannon

Bryan, Troy; Beverly Hudson, Sam-

son; Amy Peoples, Brundidge, and

Wyndy Rugg, Jack, all friends of the

bride and groom.

Mr. Jeremy Beck of New York

serenaded the couple by playing

"You Are So Beautiful" on guitar as

the couple danced.

In keeping with tradition, the

bridal bouquet and garter were

thrown to single ladies and gentle-

men in attendance. Miss Laura

Brown, best friend and maid of

honor caught the bride's bouquet

and Mr. Joe Donaldson, friend

of the groom caught the bride's blue

garter.

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NEW ARRIVAL

BENJAMIN ROUSSELLE BRUNSON

Richard and Allison Brunson of Mobile announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Roussele Brunson, on July 17, 2000.

Ben has two older brothers, John and Fox. He is the grandson of the late Jean Roussele and Fox Brunson Jr. of Mobile. His great-grandparents are the late Fox and Mary Bailey Brunson of Elba.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Parrish to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

You are invited to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Parrish on Sunday, July 23, from 2:30 p.m. at the Moseley Photography Studio, 401 East Davis Street, Elba.

No gifts please.

The reception was held at the

Arboretum on the campus of Troy

State University. Lighted ficus trees

and a portrait of the bride placed

upon an easel decorated the entry-

way. A large arrangement atop a

white column served as the center-

piece for the buffet table. Iced gulf

shrimp, smoke sausages, spinach

dip, fruit and vegetable trays and

tortilla pinwheels were served

among other appetizers.

The bride's table held a three

teared wedding cake embellished

with white icing, pearls and white

roses. The groom's table held a two

teared chocolate cake with basket

weave ring topped with fresh

grapes and other fruits. The flowing

silver fountain allowed guests to

serve themselves to punch.

Reception servers were Shannon

Bryan, Troy; Beverly Hudson, Sam-

son; Amy Peoples, Brundidge, and

Wyndy Rugg, Jack, all friends of the

bride and groom.

Mr. Jeremy Beck of New York

serenaded the couple by playing

"You Are So Beautiful" on guitar as

the couple danced.

In keeping with tradition, the

bridal bouquet and garter were

thrown to single ladies and gentle-

men in attendance. Miss Laura

Brown, best friend and maid of

honor caught the bride's bouquet

and Mr. Joe Donaldson, friend

of the groom caught the bride's blue

garter.

Bird seed from beautiful white

tapestry lined baskets made by

Shannon Bedsole, cousin of the

bride, and Judy Ward, aunt of the

bride, were thrown at the couple by

well-wishers before the two were

driven away in a stretch white

limousine to their honeymoon

destination. Kendall Manor in Euftalia,

The couple now resides at their

home in Jack.

A recipe shower was held for the

bride on January 9 at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carroll in Jack.

A "Honey-Do" Handyman cook-

out was held at the lake home of

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rugg, Enterprise,

friends of the bride. She wore a tea

length white dress adorned with

tiny rosebuds and embellished

with baby white pearls. The couple

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A miscellaneous shower was held

on January 16 at Jack Assembly of

God Church in Jack. Hostesses

were Mrs. Larry Ward, Mrs. Tracy

Bedsole, Mrs. Eddie Prescott, Mrs.

Hayes White, Mrs. Danny Turner,

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Her extracurricular activities included Student Council Secretary, Beta Club Secretary, Mu Alpha Theta, Bryant Ambassador, Science Merit Award, and Future Business Leaders of America. She was Senior Class Favorite, Homecoming Queen and Miss Bryant High School.

Bailey is the granddaughter of Sue Michum and the late Bill Michum of Elba.

She will enter Auburn University in the fall.

Jackson Cousins Reunion held July 1st

On Saturday, July 1, the grandchildren of Julian and Ira Jackson, Victoria, held a cousins reunion in the beautiful home of Jimmy and Brenda Smith on Hickman Avenue in Elba.

Those in attendance were: Jimmy (Brenda) Smith, Johnny Smith, Elba; and Judy Black-Hartman, children of Bonnie Wilbur (Gladys) Danford, Ozark - son of Dixie; Mike (Phyllis), Douglasville, Ga. - son of Weldon; Pat King, Chipley, Fla.; and Betty Wardrop, Parker, Fla. - children of

Holden; Lou Ellen (Bobby) Meredith, Enterprise; and Peggy (Jug) Mixon, New Brockton - children of Dick.

A wonderful meal was enjoyed and then out came the photos of old. Each person was allowed to select old photos of their parents, grandparents and cousins. Also joining the group for lunch were Jimmy and Brenda's daughter, Lisa and her family, along with Brenda's mother, Ms. Mammie.

Plans were made for another get-together next year.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz family spent the weekend at the state softball tournament, and Melanie got back in the mood to swim as she ignored the heat to break in her fourth swimming suit of the summer, and after her team was eliminated even got the chance to swim in her ball suit. The weather and the water was hot, but she took advantage of the situation to get all wet, once again.

CHECKING OUT THE WEEK IN SPORTS....

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation sent two teams to the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association's "State Softball Tournament" last weekend, and both teams represented the city well as the 16 and Under All-Stars brought home the state championship and the 10 and Under All-Stars placed fourth in the District 8 tournament. The older girls had made history three weeks ago by winning the District 8 tournament, but the team players and parents really doubted if they had the skills needed to compete at the state level. They found out they did belong, as they posted two wins, including a 9-5, seven-inning win over Piedmont. In the win over Piedmont, the girls blanked their opponents for four straight innings, and brought the big Elba win following to its feet. Girls teams from Elba had placed in the top four at the state A.R.P.A. tournament a couple of times over the years, but this year was Elba's year to make some noise as two teams made it to state, with one bringing home the state title, and the other bringing home a fourth place finish and loads of valuable experience. Good job girls!

*** It has been a little funny to read about the war underway between Terry Bowden and Auburn University. The folks up on the plains were in love with Bowden just a few short years ago and gave him a huge house to live in free of charge, and two free cars to drive. He got to stay in the house after the university dumped Bowden in mid-season two years ago, but now the Auburn people want the Bowdens out of the house, and are taking the former coach to court to evict him. I am not a Terry Bowden fan, but to me Auburn showed no class when it dumped him in mid-season, and is showing none now by trying to throw him out of the house they gave him. One thing is for certain, the Bowden chapter in the history of Auburn football will have a lot more action off the field than it did on the field.

*** In closing... the high school football season is only about six weeks away, and with the temperatures soaring above 100 every day, I just can't see anybody putting on the pads and going through preseason practice. The weather could change before the pads come on, but if it doesn't, the number of players out for football may be even less than expected. Can you even imagine sitting in the stands with the heat like it is now, much less playing ball?

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1st Year Anniversary
Customer Appreciation Day

July 29th, from 10a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dennis and Susan Lawford and the entire staff of **Elba Texaco Marketplace**, take this opportunity to express their heartfelt thanks to the people for such enthusiastic support during this, their 1st year of business!

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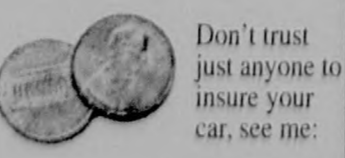
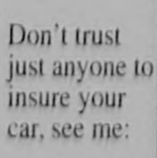
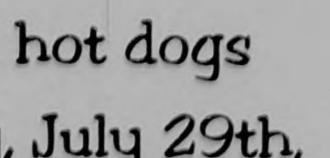
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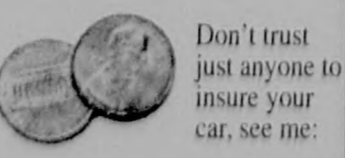
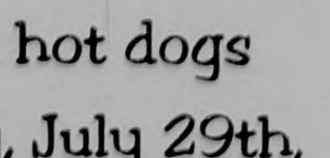
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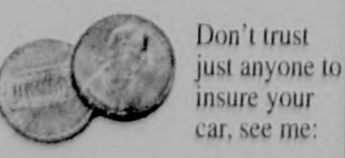
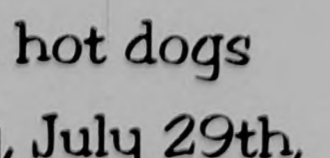
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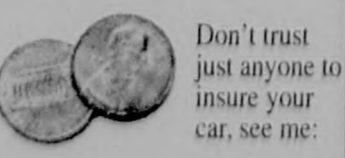
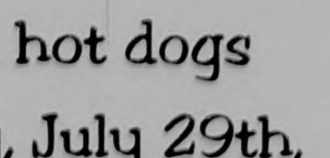
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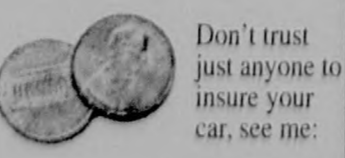
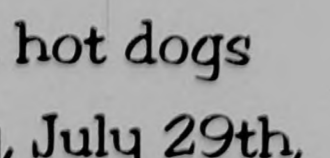
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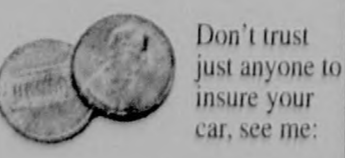
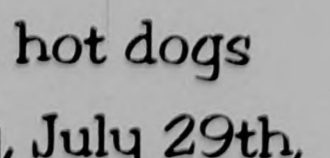
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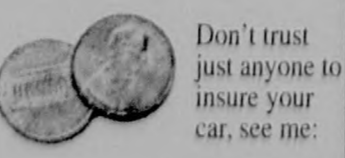
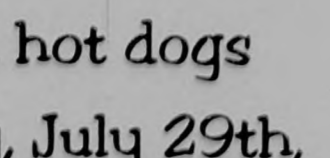
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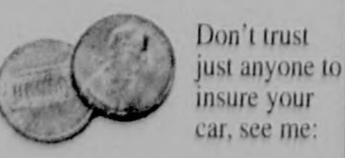
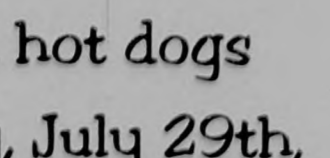
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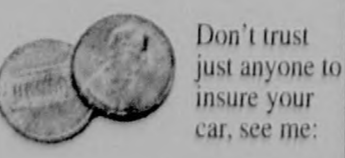
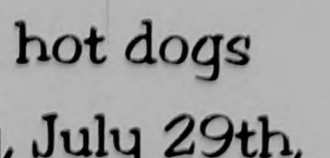
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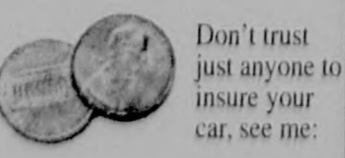
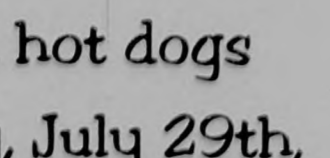
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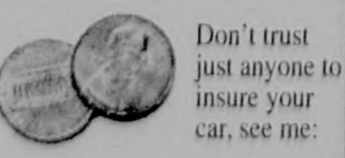
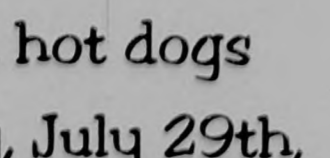
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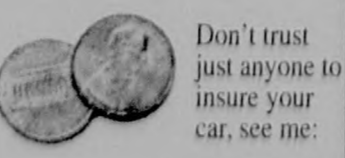
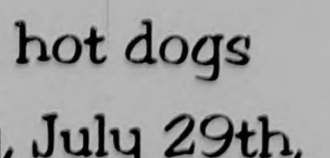
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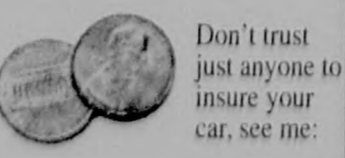
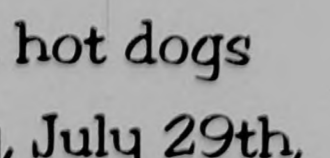
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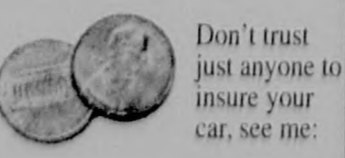
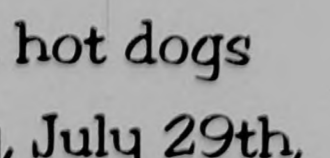
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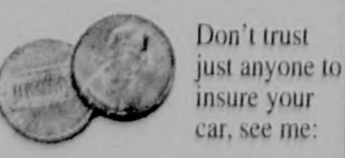
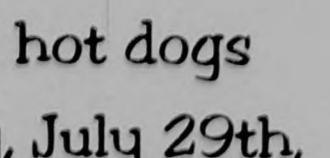
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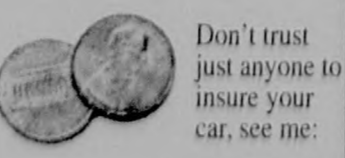
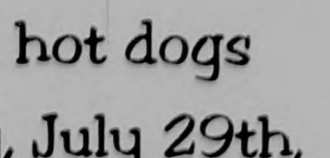
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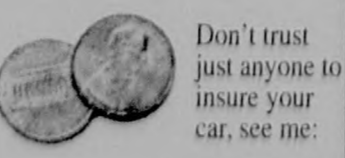
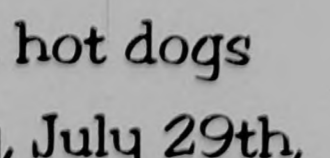
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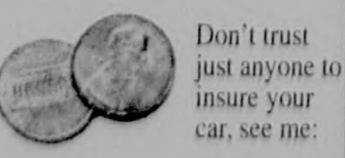
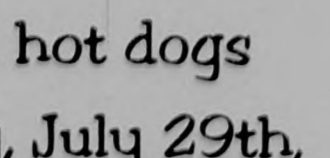
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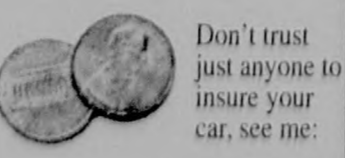
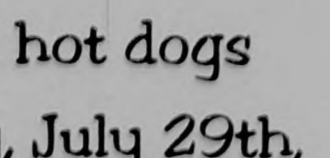
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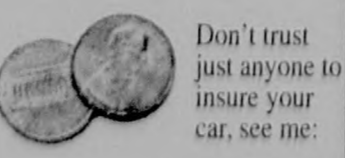
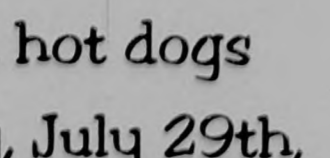
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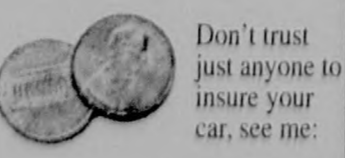
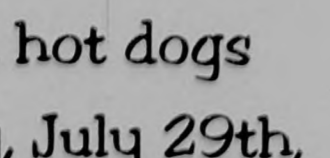
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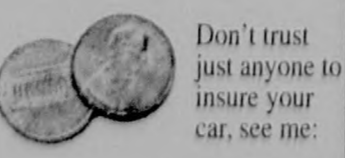
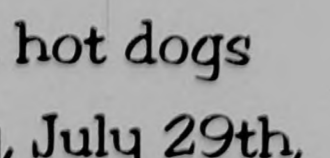
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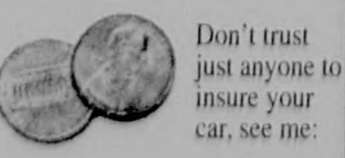
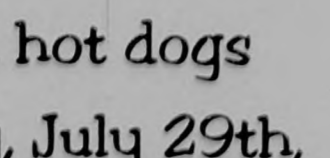
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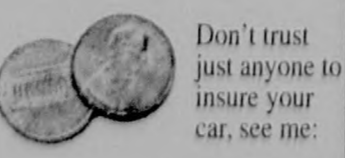
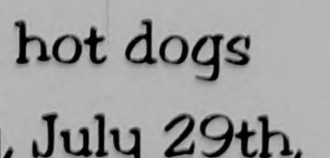
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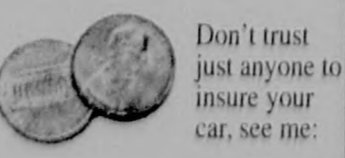
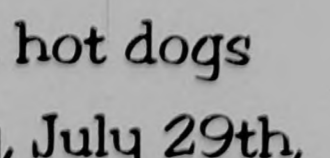
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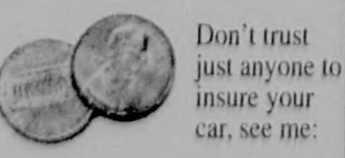
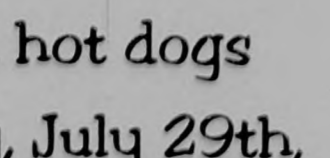
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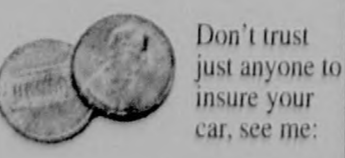
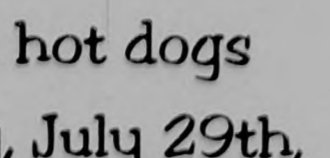
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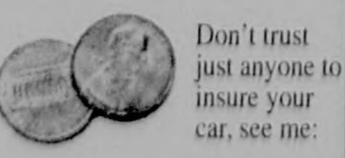
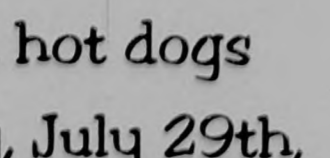
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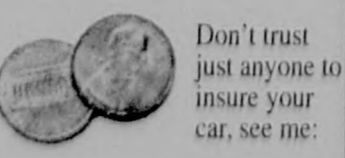
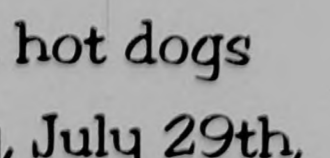
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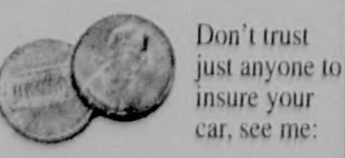
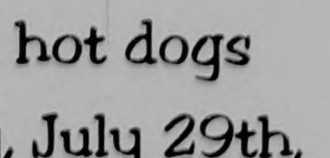
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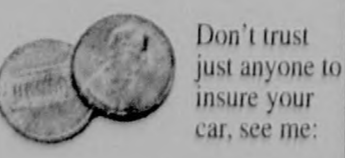
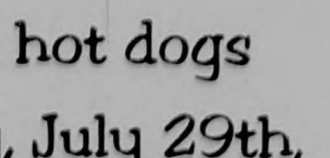
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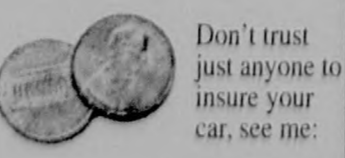
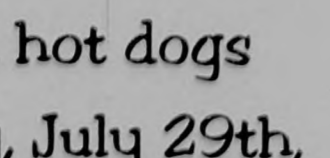
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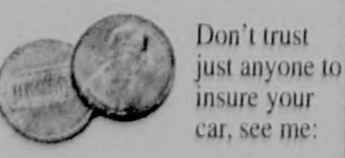
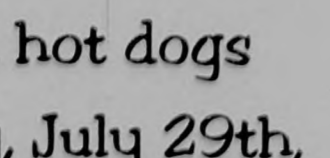
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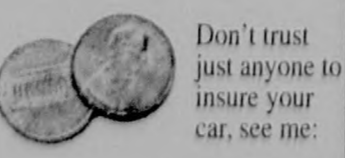
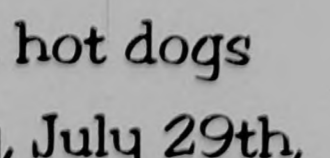
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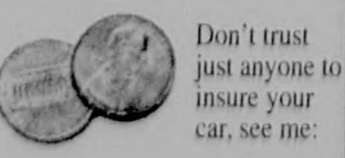
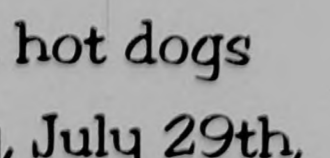
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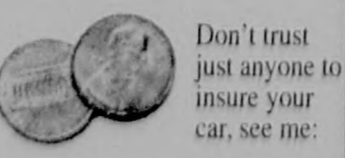
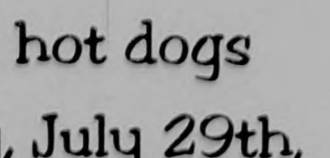
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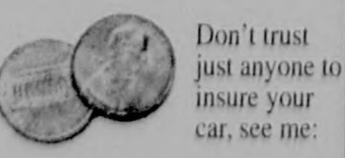
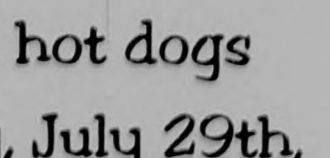
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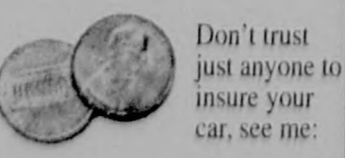
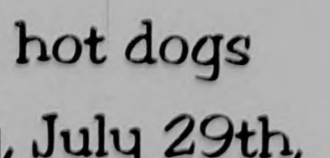
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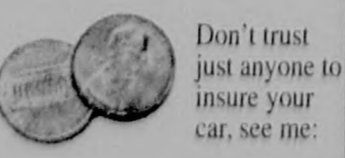
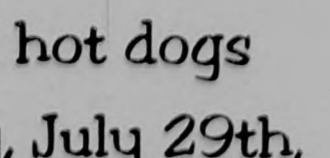
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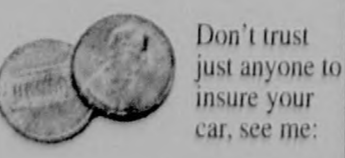
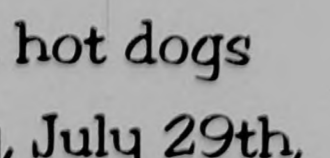
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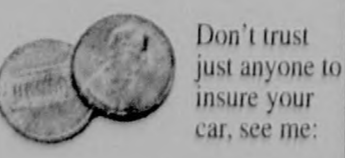
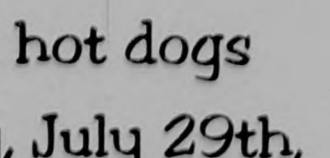
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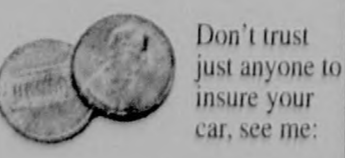
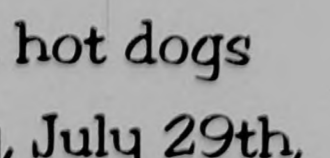
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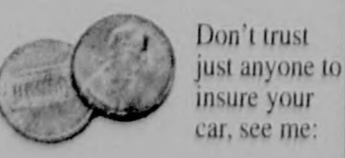
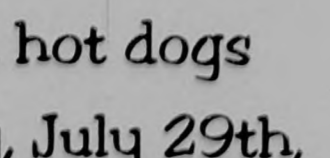
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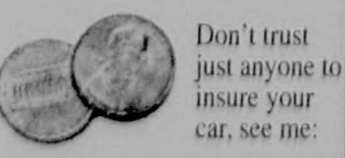
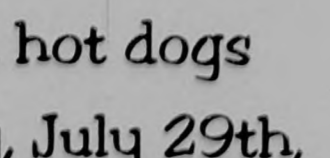
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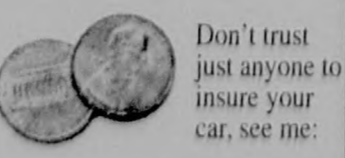
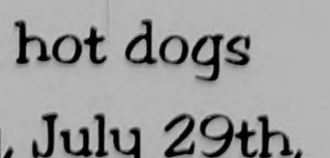
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Community News

Local man arrested on drug charges

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A Goodman Community man has been arrested on drug charges and also faces charges in connection with possession of explosives and an illegal firearm.

Tony Russell Barefoot, 41, of 1871 Coffee County Road 606 has been charged with possession of methamphetamines and trafficking methamphetamine. Bond was set at \$50,000. He has also been charged with criminal possession of an explosive device and of a short-barreled rifle. Bonds for those offenses have been set at \$10,000 each.

The explosive device was found during the search of the property and vehicles belonging to Barefoot. It was later determined to be harmless in the state it was found.

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department had originally been investigating Barefoot after he was thought to have illegal firearms in his possession. They did find the sawed-off weapon during the course of a search performed last Thursday. Barefoot had given his consent to the search.

In searching the home, authorities discovered the finished product methamphetamine. In addition to the finished product, they found chemicals and other components required to manufacture methamphetamine.

Assisting the sheriff's department in the investigation and search were members of the Enterprise Police Department and the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

Trafficking methamphetamine is a Class A felony and carries—upon the first conviction—a mandatory penalty of at least 25 years in jail, up to and including life without parole. It also carries a fine of no less than \$50,000 and no more than \$500,000.

The possession of a short-barreled rifle and possession of an explosive device are both Class C felonies and each carry a minimum sentence of not less than one year and up to ten years in prison.

You are invited to the
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There will be a ribbon cutting and a walk through the building.

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EHS students may retake portions of the graduation exam

Any Elba High School student who was an eleventh grader in March of 2000 and did not pass the reading and/or language portions of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam may retake this test during the Aug. 1-2 test administration. For more information, please contact Harriette Boyd at Elba City Schools at 897-2801.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Elba is seeking applications from individuals who are interested in the position of Animal Control Officer. The position involves field, minor administrative and custodial work in enforcing ordinances relating to animals and their care. The work involves responsibility for operating and maintaining the city animal shelter. It also involves responsibility for catching and confining stray, diseased or injured animals and the final disposition of them. A very special fortitude is required for some of these required dispositions. The officer must investigate complaints, complete police offense reports and swear out warrants when necessary to enforce the ordinance.

Applicants must have:

- Considerable knowledge of human animal collection, care and disposal methods and practices.
- Working knowledge of the City animal control ordinance.
- Ability to deal courteously and firmly with the general public.
- Ability to operate a light truck.
- Working knowledge of the geography of the city.
- Ability to humanely apprehend animals, including some of a vicious nature.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Graduation from high school or equivalent.
- Experience involving, meeting and dealing with the public.
- Experience in the care of animals to clearly demonstrate that an applicant is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of this position.
- A valid Alabama driver's license with a clear MVR.

Selected applicant must be able to report for work within twenty (20) minutes of being called.

Starting salary is negotiable depending upon experience. Applicant is subject to both drug screening and background check.

This position will be filled mid to late August, 2000.

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Lawrence, 4th grade teacher. Support employee Tammy Brooks - school nurse. Professional employee Edith Nelson - social studies teacher. Support employee Shannon Nelson - spec ed aide.

Dress cool to beat the heat this summer

by Angela Hughes
County Extension Agent

With the heat as it's been this summer, our clothing can help or hinder our overall temperature. The way we dress makes a difference in the way we feel and work. Garment design, fabric content and construction, color and accessories can all significantly affect comfort. Select clothing that allows your body heat to escape. Garment design is a major determinant in reduction of body heat. Select clothing that is loose fitting, so that heat can escape and air can circulate.

Fabric construction should also allow body heat to escape. Look carefully at the weave or knit and the weight of the fabric. You will feel cooler if your body moisture is absorbed. A fabric that absorbs perspiration and allows it to evaporate is cooler.

White or light colors reflect the sun's rays, while black and other dark colors absorb the sun's rays. Select accessories that are light colored, looser and smaller. Also, clean clothing is cooler than soiled clothing. Body oils and dirt can clog the fibers and fill air spaces, preventing ventilation.

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Coffee County Heritage committee still accepting family histories

The next meeting of the Coffee County Heritage Committee will be Thursday, July 20, at 4:00 p.m. at the Log Cabin Welcome Center on the Enterprise By-pass. Interested persons are invited to attend. Deadlines are drawing near, but the Committee is still accepting articles on families of Coffee County which are being compiled and will soon be published as The Heritage of Coffee County of 67 books featuring the families of Alabama.

The Heritage Committee of Coffee County encourages you to write your own family history and your community history to be published in this book. This is a perfect opportunity to have your family history published at no cost to you. Coffee County families are asked to submit condensed family histories and copies of old family photos as well as articles about what life was like in Coffee County in years gone by. It is the desire of the committee that all early Coffee County families be included in this book, but it is up to individual families to write their own histories. You do not write your own family history. It probably will not be included in the book.

Questions may be addressed to Anne Hood at 897-5852, Lavinia Helms at 347-6150, Marion Brunson at 897-2427, Peggy Stroud at 897-2847, Phyllis Maddox at 897-5550, or Lanelle Hundley at 347-1356. Books may be ordered or questions answered by writing to the following address: Coffee County Heritage Book Committee, P. O. Box 310654, Enterprise, Alabama 36531. Pre-publication price of these books is \$59 (includes sales tax and mailing costs).

Collis Ray Wise Family

The Wise, Prescott, Cain, Brooks, Williams, Chapman, and Hulsead families were among the first pioneers to settle Coffee County. Some were in the area before it was known as Coffee County, before the Indians had been removed, even

before land was available for purchase. They were the ancestors of Collis Wise and Nellie Brooks, both born in the Victoria Community, Collis Ray Wise (16 Nov. 1896-31 Jan. 1980) was the oldest of eight children born to Jesse Virgil Wise and Lucy Ella Chapman. Nellie Lucy Brooks (20 June 1895-1 July 1978) was the fourth of six children born to Julian E. Brooks and Nancy Baker.

Collis and Nellie married in Victoria on 27 April 1913. She was 17 years old; he was 16. Their marriage lasted until her death 65 years later. They had nine children: Ernest, the first, died when five months old, probably infant death syndrome. The other eight children somehow survived life during the depression years and even World War II to raise families of their own.

1. Cubie Ree Wise (1916) married Mary Annie Shiver. Their three daughters are: Sue Carolyn, Brenda Kay, and Sheila Elaine Wise. Cubie is now married to Bernice Bush and lives in Jay, Florida.

2. Claradell Wise (1918) married Arnis Nixon. Their three sons are: Gerald Ray "Jett", Ronald Lee, and Daryl Ernest Nixon. Claradell later married Dennis Renka. She died in 1987 and is buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia.

3. Cletus Dalton Wise (1921) joined the Army, serving overseas during WWII. After the war he married Myrlene Martin; their one daughter is Cletus Anne Wise. Cletus died in 1981 and is buried in Victoria Cemetery.

4. Hubert N. Wise (1923) joined the Navy and served during WWII. He married Doris Miller; their two children are Linda and David Wise. Hubert later married Helen Rackard. He died in 1998 and is buried in Victoria Cemetery.

5. Ellowayne Wise (1926) married Milfred Head; their two daughters are: Sandra Jane and Nancy Elaine Head. Milfred and Ellowayne live in Victoria.

6. James Harold Wise (1929) married Evelyn Marler; they have two sons: Gerald Glenn and Brent James Wise. Harold and Myrtle live in Phenix City, Alabama.

7. Mary Nell Wise (1932) married Harold Martin Blanton; their two sons are: Ernest Jerome and Thomas Charles Blanton. Mary Nell is now married to Bob Herrington and lives in Phenix City, Alabama.

8. Nancy Pauline Wise (1934) married Anthony D'Amico and lived in Miami, Florida; their three children are: Thomas Michael, Angela, and Timothy Ray D'Amico. Pauline now lives in Georgia beside Lake Lanoka.

Collis and Nellie lived all their married lives in Victoria. Collis was a farmer who later in life worked part-time with the Coffee County ASC, measuring land acreage for farmers. He was a member of Pen River Masonic Lodge as were his father and grandfather.

Nellie was a homemaker like most women during those days. While raising a large family during the depression years, she developed the art of taking a little food and feeding many. She was never caught off guard when visitors arrived just in time for dinner. Her grandchildren always enjoyed exploring Mamma Wise's kitchen and safe for left-over "cat-eye" biscuits, just perfect for dozing a hole with your finger and filling with syrup. There was usually a pan of baked sweet potatoes and maybe a plate of fried pig pies if you were lucky.

For many years they lived on a farm south of Victoria. The little road which led through the woods

to the house was passable in dry weather, but visitors caught during a rainy spell might as well plan to stay the night. If they made it to the main road, which at that time was unimproved, they probably would not get very far up the red-clay hill toward Victoria. And the road to Mixson's Cross Roads was even worse. Either way, unless a tractor was handy, they usually had to leave the car, walk home in the rain, and come back for the car later.

Although it was located in the backwoods, their home was one of the first in Victoria to have a television set (in the 1950's). Family and friends would gather to watch favorite programs, but the first sound of thunder sent everyone scurrying for home.

After Collis and Nellie left the farm and moved to "downtown" Victoria (about 1957), they had one of the first vapor lights in the community. Just like magic, it came on in the dark and turned itself off at daylight. One night while the adults were inside the house, one of the grandchildren, playing in the yard threw a fire-cracker high into the sky. When it exploded, Papa Wise's new vapor light automatically went out! ... But it soon came back on, relieving some very nervous grandchildren.

A family gathering during the summer time always meant homemade ice cream, three or four freezers of chocolate and vanilla. There were electric ice cream freezers, just the old hand-cranked variety. The grandchildren competed for the privilege of sitting on the ice cream freezers to keep them steady during the final moments of freezing, always hoping to be chosen to lick one of the dashers.

Collis and Nellie were active members of Victoria Baptist Church and are now buried in the cemetery located behind the church they loved so well. They enjoyed Sacred Harp and Seven-string music and participated in singings held in churches all across Coffee County. Collis and Nellie didn't leave a lot of material possessions for their children and grandchildren, but they left a legacy that was rich in love; love for God and Jesus, love for family, and love for fellow man.

Submitted by: Ellowayne Wise Head (daughter of Collis and Nellie Wise)

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COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION

The annual meeting of the **COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION** will be held on **FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.** at The Elba High School Auditorium.

THE COFFEE COUNTY MISS AGRICULTURE PAGEANT and **COFFEE COUNTY TALENT FIND** will be held at this same time. There will be **ENTERTAINMENT and DOOR PRIZES.** ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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County looking at garbage options

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission met in regular bi-monthly session Monday with bid openings consuming most of the meeting time.

The first order of business was to open the bids submitted for the collection and disposal of the county's solid waste. There were two options bid by contractors. Option A included the monthly cost per resident with the contractor handling the billing and collection plus an annual cost for the collection of yard waste (trash). Option B was the monthly cost per resident with the county handling the billing and collection.

Companies submitting bids were as follows: Mark Dunning Industries, Inc., of Dothan - Option A: \$14.00 per month and \$120.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$15.99 per month.

Waste Management of Dothan - Option A: \$19.54 per month and \$120.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$15.99 per month.

BFI of Andalusia - Option A: \$13.96 per month and \$324.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$12.15 per month.

Arrow Disposal of Abbeville - Option A: \$13.75 per month and \$60.00 annually for yard waste; Option B: \$11.40 per month.

After reviewing the bids, the commission voted to table the matter until Tuesday. The commission reconvened to consider bids on garbage trucks from two vendors.

The commission reconvened on Tuesday and opened bids on garbage trucks from two vendors. Coffman International, Inc. of Dothan submitted a base bid of \$82,386.20 per unit with an alternate bid of \$86,040 per unit with additional options. Ingram Equipment Company of Birmingham bid \$74,865 per unit with an alternate optional unit bid at \$75,615.

Four bids on garbage containers (cans) which ranged from \$30 to \$41.60 each, were submitted. The low bid was submitted by Mark Dunning Industries of Dothan at \$30 per unit with a minimum purchase of 6,500 cans.

Later in the day, the commission voted to reject all the bids on the

trucks and garbage containers. They then voted to accept option B on the Mark Dunning Industries' bid which was \$10.50 per resident (charge to the county) with the county doing the billing and collection.

The commissioners voted to charge residential customers \$11.00 per month with the option for them to pay \$31.50 for three months or \$60.00 for six months.

The present contract on the county's garbage collection is up on Sept. 30, 2000.

The bid for the annual placement of bituminous surface treatment was awarded to S & C Materials & Paving of Troy. Their bid was 169¢ per square yard. County Engineer Randy Tindell reminded the commissioners that this bid is for labor and equipment only. The county will be providing the materials in each case.

Dr. James Paulk, chairman of the Coffee County Water Authority (CCWA), was invited by Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis to give the commission an update on the county water system.

"Since this drought, we all get numerous calls wanting to know when we're going to get county water," said Lewis.

Dr. Paulk told commissioners during a recent meeting with USDA - Rural Development officials they were presented with an operating budget which called for an adjustment to the proposed residential and commercial rates.

Originally, the board (CCWA) had proposed on their grant application an \$11 minimum monthly

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Ben Carpenter is seeking re-election to District 4 Seat on Elba City Council

Ben Carpenter announces his candidacy for re-election to the District 4 Seat on the Elba City Council in the upcoming municipal election.

Carpenter is a native of Elba. He is self-employed as the owner of Old House Oyster Bar in Elba.

"There are a lot of issues that have to be addressed concerning Elba," said Carpenter. "I would like to have the privilege of representing the residents of District 4 and serving the people of Elba for another four years."

"During the past years, I have worked hard to see that the people of District 4 are fairly represented, and I have worked with the mayor and other members of the council to see that Elba moves forward. I want to continue to do so."

There are several projects that are underway in Elba which will



GROUND BREAKING for the new speculative industrial building in the Elba Industrial Park was held Tuesday morning. The City of Elba is constructing the building in hopes of attracting a new industrial prospect to the town. The city used an low interest loan from Alabama Electric Co-op (AEC) to finance the construction of the facility. Pictured above are city officials, members of the Elba Industrial Development Board, Senator Jimmy Holley and AEC representatives.

Elba BOE hires new staff members

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday, July 20, with new Superintendent Danny Weeks giving the financial reports and recommendations for hiring of new staff members.

A review of the financial status of the school system indicates the schools will have to borrow money to finish out the fiscal year, as predicted earlier. The exact amount is

still uncertain, but the board has already borrowed \$50,000 this year and approved up to \$75,000 in additional loans.

The financial reports show the Child Nutrition Program remain financially healthy, with the recommended safety net balance and funds to purchase food and supplies for the upcoming school year.

The board approved amending the 1999-2000 school budget to make some technical corrections where numbers had been placed in an incorrect category.

Personnel resigning were Jerome

Baxley, bus driver; Mandy Jefcoat, Elementary teacher; and Sonya Wright, Elementary Aide. Retiring from the high school lunch room is Lavenia Bladsworth.

Weeks recommended the board grant a one year leave of absence for Gina Price to work with the Alabama Reading Initiative at Troy State, conducting In-Service classes for teachers. He also recommended a leave of absence for Teacher Aide Kay Farris to complete her degree.

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Cal Donnia Howard enters District 3 city council race in New Brockton

Cal Donnia Howard, a resident of New Brockton, has announced her candidacy for the New Brockton City Council, District 3.

Howard said she is looking forward to serving the citizens of District 3. She believes that "where there is unity, there is strength."

"I elected to represent District 3. I will work with the other elected officials to do what is best for our town," she said. "I will work for and support the services that are in the best interest, not only for the citizens of District 3 but for all citizens."

Howard is the parent of one daughter, Brandi Howard. She attends New Brockton Junior High School.

Howard is a member of Greater Springfield Baptist Church where she serves as Program Chairman, Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Matron Department. Howard is also an active member of the McGhee Beauty Chapter #415 Order of Eastern Star and Ladies Aid Missionary Society #99, New Brockton, Ala.

Howard holds a Bachelor's degree from Alabama A & M University and a Master's degree from Alabama State University. In addition to Howard's religious membership

and activities, she is a member of the national, state and local education association and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

Howard has been employed with the Elba City School System for the past 18 years.

"As a teacher, there is nothing more important than helping a child reach educational goals and objectives," she said. "As a council member, I will bring the same attitude to the New Brockton City Council."

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Earl McCollough seeking to return to District 3 Seat on Elba City Council

Earl McCollough, a lifelong resident of Elba and a former member of the Elba City Council, has qualified to seek a return to the council from District 3.

"During my previous years on the council, I was always vocal in my support for the citizens of District 3 and all the citizens of Elba," said McCollough. "I elected again, I will look after the needs of District 3 first and foremost, while at the same time working for the best of the entire community."

"As a member of the Elba City Council from 1992 through 1996, I served on the Water and Electric Board and was instrumental in the improvements in water service on Smith Avenue and Herman Driggers Drive," added McCollough. "I was, and always will be, opposed to selling any city-owned property during my previous term in office. Because of my opposition, the old Army Reserve building was not sold. It is now the headquarters for the Recreation Department and a valuable asset to the city and the youth of our community."

"I will always be a supporter of the Recreation Department," state McCollough. "My children and grandchildren have always been

active in our recreation program, and I will work to make continued improvements at all our parks. The flood buyout program has resulted in the city having even more land, and I will push for some of these properties to be converted into neighborhood parks. The city can sell timber from these lots, and other unused city property, to help finance these improvements."

A major concern of mine and all the citizens of Elba is the levee," said McCollough. "There is no doubt in anyone's mind that we will have high water again, and we must have the levee ready no matter how high the water may get. I will work with our senators and representatives to get the funding returned for reworking the levee because the safety of the levee is directly related to the future of our community."

"I urge all the citizens of District 3 to vote for me in the upcoming election," said McCollough. "I will make you all a promise that I will be your voice on the council."

McCollough is the son of the former Pam Carille and has four children, Rhett, Ryder, Raean and Ryan.



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